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SOURCE REMARKS: Proposed reclamation work in Central Fergana valley and in Surkhan-Dar'inskaya o.

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Kolkhozes and party organizations in Andizhanskaya, Fergnaskaya, Namanganskaya and Surkhan-Dar'inskaya oblasts proposed that scores of thousand s of ha of new land be reclaimed using communal funds of participating kolkhozes.

To reclaim and irrigate over 150,000 ha of land in Ferganskaya o. and over 100,000 ha in Surkhan-Dar'inskaya o. would take 8 to 10 years and cost over two billion rubles. It is planned, therefore, to do this work in two stages: first, in the next 4 or 5 years

to irrigate 65,000 ha in Central Fergana and 10,000 ha in Surkhan-Dar'inskay o. Kolkhozes in the Fergana valley would have to contribute 540,000,000 rubles and those in Surkhan-Dar'inskay o. 60,000,000 rubles.

To irrigate 65,000 ha of land in the Central Fergana valley it will be necessary 1) to build a second main intake installation in the Bol'shoy Ferganskiy Kanal (Great Fergana Canal) on the Naryn River, 2) to extend the Canal 56 km so as to increase the volume by 40 to 50 cu m of waterper second, and 3) to build 260 km of roads to connect new irrigated Central Fergana area s with oblast and rayon centers.

A large reservoir will be built and the Zang irrigation canal will be reconstructed to irrigate 10,000 more ha in Surkhan-Dar'inskay o.

Irrigation work in the Fergana valley will be done by a special hydraulic building organization and in the oblast by the "Uzvodstroy" ("Uzbekskaya SSR Trust for Irrigation works\*"(

Analyst's note:

\*Probable expanded translation.

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